

**STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
(SACMHS)**

November 10, 2004 – 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon
Country Inn & Suites
Board Room
5353 North 27th Street, Lincoln, NE

SACMHS Members Present: Wayne Adamson, Allen Bartels, Beth Baxter, Cec Brady, Jimmy Burke, James Deaver, Richard Ellis, Dwain Fowler, Beverly Ferguson, Clint Hawkins, Lara Huskey, Nancy Kratky, Susan Krome, Wesley, Legan, Dr. Maria Prendes-Lintel, Darlene Richards, Mary Ann Wells, Beth Wierda.

SACMHA Members Absent: Richard DeLiberty, Scot Ford, Chris Hanus, Frank Lloyd

HHS Staff Present: Sue Adams, Alexandra Castillo, Jim Harvey, Phyllis McCaul, Dan Powers

Others Present: J. Rock Johnson, Kevin Kleemeier, Fred Knapp, Angela McCoy, Mark Yoakum.

I. Welcome and Introductions:

Richard Ellis, Interim Chair, provided a welcome to the Committee.
Each member briefly introduced themselves and stated their position as a member of this committee.

II. Approval of Bylaws

Members were asked to review the Bylaws.

- Allen Bartels moved and Wesley Legan seconded the motion to approve the Bylaws.
- Motion passed by Committee Members. The Bylaws were approved.

III. Election of Officers

Richard Ellis, Interim Chair, listed the positions to be filled; Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary.

Nominations for Chairperson:

- Susan Krome nominated Richard Ellis
- Jimmy Burke nominated Allen Bartels
- Wayne Adamson nominated James Deaver (Mr. Deaver declined)

Motion to close the nominations was made, seconded and passed.

Voting was conducted by secret ballot.

Allen Bartels was elected Chairperson.

Allen Bartels, Chairperson opened the Nominations for Vice Chairperson

Nominations for Vice Chairperson:

- Susan Krome nominated Richard Ellis
- Jimmy Burke nominated Lara Huskey
- Dr. Maria Prendes-Lintel nominated Beverly Ferguson
- Richard Ellis nominated Nancy Kratky (Ms. Kratky declined)

Susan Krome moved and Wesley Legan seconded the motion to close the nominations

Motion passed to close the nominations

Voting was conducted by secret ballot.

Richard Ellis was elected Vice Chairperson.

Allen Bartels, Chairperson opened the Nominations for Secretary

Nominations for Secretary:

- Nancy Kratky nominated Lara Huskey
- Clint Hawkins nominated Beverly Ferguson (Ms. Ferguson declined)

Dwain Fowler moved and Susan Krome seconded the motion to close the nominations
Motion passed to close the nominations

Wesley Legan moved and Wayne Adamson seconded the motion that election be by
acclamation
Motion to elect by acclamation carried.

Lara Huskey elected Secretary.

IV. Election of Behavioral Health Council Members

A total of 10 members from each advisory committee will become a member of the Behavioral Health Council. Three members from each committee have been appointed to the Council by the Governor. Those members are: Jimmy Burke, Richard DeLiberty and Dr. Maria Prendes-Lintel. To be a member of the BH Council you must be a member of an advisory committee. The BH Council will decide how to handle length of terms. The committee will elect 7 members to be a BH Council member. Quarterly Committee meetings will be held 9am to noon and the BH Council meetings will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The dates for the meetings are; February 8, May 10, August 9 and November 8, 2005.

Allen Bartels, Chairperson opened the Nominations for Behavioral Health Council Members.

Nominations for Behavioral Health Council Members:

- Dr. Maria Prendes-Lintel nominated Beth Baxter
- Susan Krome nominated Allen Bartels
- Beverly Ferguson nominated Clint Hawkins
- Jimmy Burke nominated Susan Krome
- Mary Wells nominated Nancy Kratky
- Lara Huskey nominated Richard Ellis
- Nancy Kratky nominated Mary Wells
- Dr. Maria Prendes-Lintel nominated Beverly Ferguson
- Wayne Adamson nominated Wesley Legan

Dr. Maria Prendes-Lintel moved and Mary Wells seconded the motion to close the nominations
Motion passed to close the nominations

Election was by secret ballot. Ballots were counted by Alexandra Castillo and Lara Huskey.

The seven Behavioral Health Council members elected are:

Allen Bartels	Beth Baxter
Richard Ellis	Beverly Ferguson
Susan Krome	Nancy Kratky
Mary Wells	

**V. Report on the Federal Community Mental Health Services Block Grant
FY2005 Application review on October 21, 2004**

Review and comments on Federal Community MH Services Block Grant
Comments on the draft Nebraska FY2004 Implementation Report.

Comments included:

Page 8 - On the number of Nebraska youth census data and SED Estimate. He noted Census data shows 227,347 age 9 to 17 ... Federal SED estimate is 22,735. Is it a coincidence that the SED number is 10% to the census number?

Page 10 – school to work plan – needs to be expanded to transitions to the community.

Page 41 – education system is not listed.

Page 42 – ECICC – who are these people?

Page 44 – need to be involved in the alternative school.

Page 56 – could get number from the FY2005-2006 from the Omaha School District.

one of challenges is definitions ... Mental Health system uses SED ... the education system has different definition.

Page 18 – on LB95 Medications ... does a person have to be committed to a state facility in order to use that program? As we go to community based services, the consumer will need these medications. Access to those funds is cumbersome as the program is currently handled. Group discussion was triggered. Outpatient commitment needs to be included on the LB95 medications program. Access to medication is one of the huge problems.

Page 19 – Cultural Competent Services – this gap needs to be better addressed. There needs to be a specific set of goals, objectives and activities designed to address these issues. Many issues involved here include not having enough qualified interpreters. A bad interpreter can make things worse for the consumer. Competency includes medications because different groups react differently to different medications. The Omaha Public Schools have students speaking 38 different languages from 50 different countries.

Elderly are under served. For example, there is a lack of transportation for elderly. As a result, seniors get isolated. Depression can be a serious issue for them.

On the children section, one suggestion is to talk about family centered approach.

This needs to include actually listening to children. Is there anyway we can have some of youth talk about what they say about mental health improvements? Let's listen to youth across the state. Youth need to be involved in what they think is important

for

services. How do youth actually understand the services they receive? Why not have a youth on a committee like this, or a committee of youth to make proposals to see what they really are think. Adults make assumptions about the way youth feel, but do not listen to what the youth actually have to say.

Children portion – is there a way to ask the children across the state, how they understand the services.

Ask the children what they need, can a youth be on a committee like this, to have them make a proposal?

VI. Public comment

*CMHS has indicated that Medicaid eligibility can be placed on hold while a consumer is in an institution. That can help the consumer to immediately get medications upon release. Sometimes LB95 medications do not cover the newer medications

*Did the committee receive a copy of the final FY2005 application as it was delivered to the Center for Mental Health Services?

*Did the committee get a copy of the draft Implementation report in advance of this meeting?

*Can the specific responses to the 28 item MHSIP Consumer survey be released?

*Can there be two times on the committee agenda for public comment? One time at the beginning regarding the agenda, and one time at the end of the meeting?

Angel McCoy – Janssen Pharmacy

They receive informational letters from the Center for Mental Health Services and are aware that Medicaid eligible individuals entering a state facility or correctional institution can have Medicaid put on hold, rather than discontinue it, so Medicaid can be accessed upon discharge.

Mark Yoakman – newer medication are not covered by Medicaid.

J Rock Johnson – commented and handed out documentation on grant offers available focused on developing infrastructure to support consumer-direction; evidence-based practices and focusing on person-centered strengths and opportunities for self-direction in recovery.

VII. Appointment of a Subcommittee

Jim Harvey relayed a message to committee members on behalf of Richard DeLiberty. The Consumer Affairs Office Administrator job description is not in final version but will be advertised as soon it is finalized. Jim briefly presented the information about the need for volunteers for an ad hoc committee as part of the interview team.

The volunteers are: Richard Ellis, Wesley Legan and Maria Prendes-Lintel.

VIII. Next State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 8, 2005, 9 am to noon. Meeting will be held in the same location and the same room.

Future meeting dates are: May 10, 2005, August 9, 2005 and November 8, 2005.

IX. Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.